

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Previously Presented) The imaging system according to claim 61, wherein the output is a gain determined by an Automatic Gain Control.
4. (Previously Presented) The imaging system according to claim 61, wherein the output is a value representative of a gain determined by an Automatic Gain Control.
5. (Previously Presented) The imaging system according to claim 61, wherein the output is an exposure.
6. (Previously Presented) The imaging system according to claim 61, wherein the output is a white balance.
7. (Currently Amended) The imaging system according to claim 63, wherein, when the light level output is less than a first threshold, the infrared filter is in the first position, and when the light level output is greater than a second threshold, the infrared filter is in the second position.
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Previously Presented) The imaging system according to claim 61, wherein the second threshold is twice the first threshold.
10. (Previously Presented) The imaging system according to claim 61, wherein the infrared filter automatically moves between the first position and the second position as a result of lighting conditions in the viewing area of the camera.

11. (Original) The imaging system according to claim 10 and further comprising a solenoid that moves the infrared filter between the first position and the second position.
12. (Previously Presented) The imaging system according to claim 61, wherein the infrared filter is manually moved between the first position and the second position.
13. (Previously Presented) The imaging system according to claim 61, wherein the camera further comprises an infrared filter holder for mounting the infrared filter to the camera.
14. (Original) The imaging system according to claim 13, wherein the infrared filter holder pivots relative to the image sensor to move the infrared filter between the first position and the second position.
15. (Previously Presented) The imaging system according to claim 61, wherein the image sensor comprises a focal length, and the infrared filter has a thickness that does not substantially change the focal length of the image sensor as the infrared filter moves between the first position and the second position.
16. (Previously Presented) The imaging system according to claim 61 and further comprising a supplemental illumination system comprising at least one light source for providing supplemental illumination to the viewing area of the camera.
17. (Previously Presented) The imaging system according to claim 16, wherein the at least one light source comprises a light emitting diode.
18. (Previously Presented) The imaging system according to claim 17, wherein the light emitting diode is an infrared light emitting diode.
19. (Previously Presented) The imaging system according to claim 17, wherein the light emitting diode is a white light emitting diode.
20. (Previously Presented) The imaging system according to claim 17, wherein the light emitting diode is a colored light emitting diode.

21. (Original) The imaging system according to claim 16, wherein the vehicle comprises a license plate lightbar, and the supplemental illumination system is mounted to the lightbar.
22. (Original) The imaging system according to claim 16, wherein the vehicle comprises a center high mount stop lamp, and the supplemental illumination system is mounted to the center high mount stop lamp.
23. (Original) The imaging system according to claim 16, wherein the vehicle comprises at least one tail lamp, and the supplemental illumination system is mounted to the at least one tail lamp.
24. (Original) The imaging system according to claim 16, wherein the camera and the supplemental illumination system form a unitary module.
25. (Original) The imaging system according to claim 16, wherein the at least one light source is directed rearwardly of the vehicle.
26. (Original) The imaging system according to claim 16, wherein the supplemental illumination system is selectively actuable when the imaging system is activated.
27. (Previously Presented) The imaging system according to claim 16, wherein the supplemental illumination system is selectively actuable when the infrared filter is automatically positioned in one of the first position and the second position in accordance with lighting conditions in a viewing area of the camera.
28. (Previously Presented) The imaging system according to claim 61, wherein the image sensor is a complimentary metal oxide semiconductor.
29. (Previously Presented) The imaging system according to claim 61, wherein the infrared radiation comprises wavelengths between about 700 nm and 1 mm.
30. (Previously Presented) The imaging system according to claim 61, wherein the infrared radiation comprises near-infrared radiation.

31.-50. (Cancelled)

51. (Previously Presented) The imaging system according to claim 65, wherein the infrared filter is movable from a first position, wherein the infrared filter is disposed in the optical path of the image sensor for preventing transmission of the infrared radiation to the image sensor, and a second position, wherein the infrared filter is spaced from the optical path of the image sensor and does not prevent transmission of the infrared radiation to the image sensor.

52. (Currently Amended) The imaging system according to claim 51, wherein the infrared filter moves as a result of ~~an~~ a light condition output of the camera image sensor.

53. (Currently Amended) The imaging system according to claim 52, wherein the light condition output is a gain determined by an Automatic Gain Control.

54. (Currently Amended) The imaging system according to claim 52, wherein the light condition output is a value representative of a gain determined by an Automatic Gain Control.

55. (Currently Amended) The imaging system according to claim 52, wherein, when the light condition output is less than a first threshold, the infrared filter is in the first position, and when the light condition output is greater than a second threshold, the infrared filter is in the second position.

56. (Cancelled)

57. (Previously Presented) The imaging system according to claim 55, wherein the second threshold is twice the first threshold.

58. (Original) The imaging system according to claim 51 and further comprising a supplemental illumination system comprising at least one light source for providing supplemental illumination to the viewing area of the camera.

59. (Original) The imaging system according to claim 58, wherein the at least one light source comprises a light emitting diode.

60. (Original) The imaging system according to claim 59, wherein the supplemental illumination system is selectively actuatable when the imaging system is activated.

61. (Previously Presented) An imaging system for use in an exterior or interior of a vehicle, the imaging system comprising:

a camera having an image sensor with an associated optical path, the image sensor adapted for generating an output that is indicative of lighting conditions in a viewing area of the camera; and

an infrared filter associated with the image sensor for attenuating infrared radiation;

wherein the infrared filter is movable as a result of the output of the image sensor, between a first position in which the infrared filter is disposed in the optical path of the image sensor for preventing transmission of the infrared radiation to the image sensor, and a second position in which the infrared filter is spaced from the optical path of the image sensor and does not prevent transmission of the infrared radiation to the image sensor; and

wherein, when the output is less than a first threshold, the infrared filter is in the first position, and when the output is greater than a second threshold which is greater than the first threshold, the infrared filter is in the second position.

62. (Previously Presented) An imaging system for use in an exterior or interior of a vehicle, the imaging system comprising:

a camera having an image sensor with an associated optical path, and a viewing area; and

an infrared filter associated with the image sensor for selectively attenuating infrared radiation, and movable as a result of an output of the image sensor indicative of light conditions in the viewing area of the camera, between a first position, in which the infrared filter is disposed in the optical path of the image sensor for preventing transmission of the infrared radiation to the image sensor, and a second position, in which the infrared filter is spaced from the optical path of the image sensor and does not prevent transmission of the infrared radiation to the image

sensor;

wherein the infrared filter is automatically responsive to light conditions in the viewing area such that the infrared filter prevents the image sensor from being exposed to infrared radiation when light conditions in the viewing area correspond to bright light conditions and does not prevent the image sensor from being exposed to infrared radiation when the light conditions in the viewing area correspond to low light conditions; and

wherein, when the output is less than a first threshold, the infrared filter is in the first position, and when the output is greater than a second threshold which is greater than the first threshold, the infrared filter is in the second position.

63. (Currently Amended) An imaging system for use in an exterior or interior of a vehicle, the imaging system comprising:

a camera having an image sensor for generating an image output representative of an image captured by the image sensor with an associated optical path, the image sensor ~~providing~~ (additionally) generating an light image-sensor-level output that is indicative of ~~lighting conditions-intensity~~ in the vicinity of the camera; and

an infrared filter associated with the image sensor for attenuating infrared radiation;

wherein, in response to the light level output from the image sensor, the infrared filter is movable from a first position, wherein the infrared filter is disposed in the optical path of the image sensor for preventing transmission of ~~the~~ infrared radiation to the image sensor, and a second position, wherein the infrared filter is spaced from the optical path of the image sensor and does not prevent transmission of ~~the~~ infrared radiation to the image sensor.

64. (Currently Amended) The imaging system according to claim 63, wherein an indication of ~~lighting conditions-intensity~~ in the vicinity of the camera comprises a gain applied to pixels of an image captured by the image sensor.

65. (Currently Amended) An imaging system for use in an exterior or interior of a vehicle,

the imaging system comprising:

a camera having an image sensor for generating an image output representative of an image captured by the image sensor with an associated optical path and viewing area, the image sensor generating providing a light condition image sensor output that is indicative of lighting conditions in the viewing area; and

an infrared filter associated with the image sensor for selectively attenuating infrared radiation;

wherein the infrared filter is responsive to the light condition image sensor output such that the infrared filter prevents the image sensor from being exposed to infrared radiation when lighting conditions in the viewing area correspond to bright light conditions, and does not prevent the image sensor from being exposed to infrared radiation when the lighting conditions in the viewing area correspond to low light conditions.